

## CONGRESS PLANS MIXED

Session Opens To-day with Democrats at Odds.

## LITTLETON STORM CENTRE

Vain Effort to Settle Row with Stanley—Adjournment May Come in Fall.

*[From The Tribune Bureau.]*  
Washington, Dec. 3.—With the prospect of preliminary oratorical fireworks by Representative Martin Littleton the Democratic House will begin at noon to-morrow a session that promises to be the most turbulent in recent legislative history.

The Littleton speech will be typical of other dissensions that are appearing in Democratic ranks. Without waiting a day, Representative Littleton, rising to a question of personal privilege, will attack those who have criticised the attitude of the New York member in the Steel Trust investigation controversy. Representative Littleton will pay his caustic respects to William Jennings Bryan that ancient bone of contention in Democratic ranks, and to others who have called Mr. Littleton a friend of the Steel Trust because he thinks the Stanley committee should curtail its inquiry now that the government has fled out against the trust.

So far as the House is concerned, the session promises to be one of wrangling, with the Democrats playing politics from the start. Efforts are being made by Democratic leaders to bring peace between Mr. Stanley, chairman, and Representative Littleton, of the Steel committee. This row, the first to crop out, is still a thorn in the sides of the Democratic plotters for harmony, and other controversies are impending.

## Committed to Tariff Tinkering.

The Democrats are committed to a session of tariff tinkering. The Ways and Means Committee will begin work at once on a revision of the wool, cotton and metal schedules. It is anticipated by Oscar F. Underwood, House leader, that the report of the Tariff Board, containing scientific information will be received, but that it will not be considered as binding in any way. The Democrats say that they will revise the tariff as suits themselves.

So-called economy in appropriations is also a topliner on the House programme. Representative Mann, the minority leader, predicts that the majority will be extravagant where it ought to be saving and that it will be penurious where it ought to be liberal. The House programme also includes much talk about the Sherman anti-trust law, the abolition of the Commerce Court, amendments to the pure food laws, ship subsidy, parcels post and currency reform.

Tariff revision, however, takes precedence among the Democrats, who will play for political advantage every moment in the House. Even if the session should last until next October, as feared by Representative Mann, the chances are that little general legislation will be enacted, as the Democrats of the House must wrestle with numerous tariff revision bills and eleven big appropriation measures.

## No Stand on Sherman Law.

The House majority seems to have no definite idea as to what time concerning the proposed Sherman law amendments. There are some Democrats, like Representative Littleton, who think the law ought to be repealed. Another school wants to "let well enough alone," and a Democratic caucus probably will be called early in the session to bring about a semblance of party harmony.

Returning members to-day are predicting a long and tiresome session. The debate promises to be a series of campaign speeches, printed for free distribution in "The Congressional Record," and the official reporters of the House are viewing the prospects with misgivings.

The Democrats, burdened with interlocking strife, must also confront the fact that the dozen investigating committees of the House, appointed with a great share of trumpets, have really accomplished little. The explosion of the fake Controller Bay charges before the Graham committee is an illustration of the failure of the various "investigating" committees to make good.

The investigators have spent much money, as may be attested by the Committee on Accounts, but no committee has yet made a report to justify the outlay, nor are the prospects for such reports encouraging.

The only definiteness of purpose rests with President Taft. He has laid down and steadfastly adhered to certain policies in his previous messages and speeches. These will be elaborated in his annual message and the special messages which he will send to Congress. Until these appear, it is probable that the legislators will take no steps in the way of framing a legislative programme. At the outset the trust question will be uppermost. The regular message of the President will deal with this subject.

## Senate Has Material Ready.

The Senate, through the hearings before the Committee on Interstate Commerce, was in a way, prepared for consideration of this problem. The committee has gathered a mass of material; it has before it several bills, including that of Senator Newlands providing for an interstate trade commission. As yet the members seem to have reached no decision as to what may be done, although there is a general disposition to do something to relieve the business situation by legislation affecting corporations.

As with the trust question, the tariff question will be presented by President Taft in his recommendations for legislation based on the reports of the Tariff Board. Those relating to the wool and cotton schedules, will be sent in as special messages. Alaska, the arbitration treaties and foreign relations, needs of the executive departments, the reports of the stocks and bonds commission and the postal commission on second class mail matter, will be the subjects presented for consideration in other messages.

## PREACHERS AID SUFFRAGE

Women Meet with 'Never Homes' Scene as Background.

In front of the Broadway Theatre last night the big yellow sign of "The Never Homes" glared through the rain. Inside the theatre a good sized audience which had braved the weather attended a mass meeting in the interests of the "votes for women" movement. An indoor scene which is used in one act of "The Never Homes" on week days was nearly obscured by a huge yellow banner with "Woman Suffrage Party" on it. But just above the banner the painted border of the scenery appeared, consisting of a row of dainty laundresses busy with tub and washboard.

The suffrage leaders had invited several ministers to come and speak from the platform on the subject of Religion and Good Citizenship. Only two responded, the Rev. Madison C. Peters and the Rev. James H. Bond. The latter has no pastorate at present, but is one of the active workers in the American Institute of Social Science. Both men spoke warmly in favor of the vote for women.

Miss Maude Boyden, a church worker and representative of the Church League in Madison, urged the co-operation of the church and the suffrage party in the common cause for good government. The Rev. Mrs. Dennis Howe, a local suffrage worker, also spoke at the meeting.

A resolution was adopted at the meeting calling upon the ministers and churches of the city to aid the Woman Suffrage party in its effort for a voice in government.



THE 10TH AVIATOR TO FALL TO DEATH.  
"Tod" Schriver, who was killed yesterday while flying over Ponce, Porto Rico.

## "TOD" SCHRIVER KILLED

Daring Aviator Meets Death in Ponce, Porto Rico.

## TRYED TO FLY OVER CITY

Was to Have Received Large Sum of Money in Event of Successful Flight.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Dec. 3.—"Tod" Schriver, the well known American aviator, was killed Saturday evening in an exhibition flight which he was making at Ponce. Schriver fell from a height of two hundred feet into a canefield and died within half an hour, while on his way to the hospital. Thousands of spectators witnessed the accident. Schriver was to fly over the city of Ponce, for which he was to receive a large prize.

Schriver was very confident of making a successful tour, and a short time before he went away he was host to a large party of friends at a Manhattan theatre, which followed a dinner at which Schriver presented each person present a handsome remembrance.

## GERMAN AVIATOR KILLED

Reeb Falls While Attempting Flight from Munich to Nuremberg.

Munich, Dec. 3.—The aviator Reeb, while making a flight to-day from Munich to Nuremberg, fell and was instantly killed.

The deaths yesterday make 107 aviators killed in a heavier-than-air machine since the beginning of actual flying, a little more than three years ago. The two previous accidents both happened in Germany.

## CALL FOR 22D REGT. "VETS"

Plan to Celebrate 50th Anniversary of Their Departure for Civil War.

A rollcall of the surviving veterans of the Civil War who served in the 22d Regiment Engineers, of whom there are supposed to be not more than one hundred, is being issued by Richard E. Greenwood, of Borough Hall, Brooklyn, and General George W. Wingate, of No. 20 Nassau street, in preparation for the celebration of the sixtieth anniversary of the departure of the regiment for the front in 1862.

The demonstration, which will be in honor of the war veterans of this regiment, will be held on the anniversary date, May 28, 1912, at its armory with a review and parade. The 22d Regiment more than any other existing national guard association was a creation of the Civil War, and was famous as the business men's, or "Wall Street," squad.

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Young Bancroft will be twenty-five years old next March; his wife is two years his junior. They eloped from the home of the girl's father, Alfred du Pont, near here, on December 13, 1907. They went to Washington, where they were married by the Rev. Dr. McLeod, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of the Covenant. Mr. Bancroft at the time was a student at Princeton University. His father sent the couple to Freiburg, Germany, where they lived while the bridegroom completed his studies at Heidelberg. Then they moved to Munich.

The oldest child, John Bancroft, 3d, three years old, was born in Freiburg. He is now being cared for by the husband's parents. The wife has the infant whom her husband makes a defendant, and whose paternity he disowns.

